

Impacts of Government Shutdown – Office of Water Protection

Week of December 31, 2018

Drinking Water:

- Ten Wyoming sanitary survey reports will not be issued this week, resulting in a delay of water systems correcting significant deficiencies.
- Coordinated outreach to R8 stakeholders on the National PFAS Management Plan will be delayed since our planning meeting won't occur this week. This is especially unfortunate since there is a planned in-person meeting with the Security/Widefield water systems and stakeholders next week on Jan 9.

UIC:

- Delay in issuance of four final UIC Class II (Oil and Gas) permits on the FBIR for the following applications: 1) Red Murphy SWD 1 well (Goodnight Midstream); 2) Liberty 200-14 SWD well (EOG); 3) Howie 1 SWD well (Slawson); and 4) Big Bend 3-6 SWD well (Slawson).
- Delay in issuance of a decision on WOGCC's Aquifer Exemption Request from Aethon (Oil and Gas) for the Curly 10-22 SWD well.
- Delay in review of WPX's Step Rate Test results from its Pennington SWD Class II (Oil and Gas) well on the FBIR to inform future modification(s) to its permit.
- Potential delay in approval of UIC lead agency transfer of authority to the new NDEQ (if substantive comments and/or a request for a hearing are received this week).

NPDES:

- Delay in issuance of a casino permit (new permit backlog).
- Delay in issuance of the tribal DW general permit (new permit backlog)

Water Quality Standards and TMDLs:

- Review/comment prep for WY's Badwater Creek Sampling and Analysis Plan to support Use Attainability Analysis (supports WY's reissuance of Aethon's NPDES permit).
- Preparation for WQS Backlog briefing with Debra Nagle scheduled for next week.
- Progress on the Colorado WQS variance action backlog.
- Continued Review of ND draft Integrated Report.
- Technical call with Blackfeet Tribe on water quality standards.
- Support to CDPHE via a conference call on TMDL tools.
- Delay in review of the Madison River TMDL submitted by MT which may lead to missing the statutory review deadline.

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- Delay in recruitment for supervisory detail.

Technical and Financial Services:

- MT State Review planned for 1/8-1/9 will likely be cancelled.
- Tribal Set-Aside FY19 Guidelines Development pushed back even further.
- TriCor Advanced Procurement Plan (AAP) will be delayed. This will also mean a delay in Region 9 making a final award for their RITS contract (which is what we plan to tap into).
- The QA documents for the new Wyoming PWSS contracts will be delayed. We had just extended the task order for the QA docs by one month to accommodate other delays. I foresee extending the task order another 30-60 days depending upon the duration of the shutdown.

- Contractors won't be receiving payment for any work performed during the shutdown. They probably won't receive payment for any invoices that Barbara approved in the last week, either.
- MT DEQ Wetlands grant expires 12/31 and the no-cost time extension has not yet been approved by the grants office.

Week of January 7, 2019

Drinking Water:

- An additional 5 sanitary survey reports would be delayed.
- Could not participate in the Security/Widefield PFAS Stakeholder meeting on 1/9/19.
- Postponement of interviews for the Ground Water Rule manager position scheduled for 1/8 and 1/10. Would delay filling a critical vacancy.

UIC:

- Delay in administrative and/or technical review of two new UIC Class II (Oil and Gas) applications for the: 1) Jaques 33-8-26 #6 SWD well (from Red Willow Production on S. Ute); and 2) Mackenzie 35-1 SWD well (from Mann Oil on the FBIR).
- Delay in preparing draft UIC permit conditions and associated documentation (e.g., Biological Assessment of ESA-related effects) for Powertech's proposed Class III and V well operations at their Dewey Burdock project site in SD.
- Delay in review of the SDDENR's Aquifer Exemption Request from Roosevelt Operating for the 2-33 Alkali Federal SWD well;
- Delay in issuance of a decision on Kinder Morgan's request to reclassify regulation of the disposal of their CO2 production-related fluids wastes in Colorado's McElmo Dome and Doe Canyon Fields from Class I to Class II injection.
- Delay in review of AGC's Aquifer Exemption Request for its AGC #1 well for disposal of water from its gilsonite mine on the U&O Reservation.
- Postponement of UIC hearing for North Dakota name change.

NPDES:

- Delay in reissuance of 4 oil and gas permits on Wind River Reservation.
- Delay in completing actions for the North Dakota name change.

Water Quality Standards and TMDLs:

- Continued discussions with MDEQ regarding Integrated Report issues and next steps.
- Travel to Fort Peck for tribal technical support on the 106 program.
- Preparation/review of QAFAP documents for February audit
- Receipt/review of UT's Technical Support Document for Headwater's Nutrient Criteria and delay of planned in-person meeting to discuss.
- Review of Colorado's Temporary Modifications water quality standards submission.

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- Presentation during a Corps of Engineers webinar on Stream Compensatory Mitigation (Jan 8)

Technical and Financial Services:

- SRF hire start date may be delayed.